

SENATE WATCH

A summary of today's Senate actions; published daily when the Senate is in session.

9/14/05

BUDGETS

HB 4306 (Hummel)

School Aid budget

- Toy 1 (1 amend) was adopted. Out-of-state students displaced by Katrina would be counted for state funding purposes.
- HB 4306 was moved to 3rd Reading.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

HB 4402 (Hansen) HBs 4928-30 (GOP)

SEX OFFENDER/SCHOOL SAFETY PACKAGE

HB 4402, HBs 4928-91 would ensure that all school employees who have committed crimes against children would be prohibited from working in schools. Further, the bills require criminal background checks for all school employees, including contractual employees; set penalties for certain crimes; and require school districts to escrow an employee's pay if the employee is charged with such a crime.

<u>HB 4402</u> would require a background check on special education personnel employed by public and nonpublic schools providing services directly to children.

• The House concurred with the House changes to HB 4402 [RC 405: 38 yes, 0 no].

<u>HB 4928</u> would revise the notice procedures for teachers and other state board approved school personnel being convicted of certain offenses, and to provide for escrow of their salaries during the trial proceedings and forfeiture of their earnings upon conviction. Under the bill, a school district that continued to employ a person who entered a plea of guilt or no contest, or who was found guilty by a judge or jury of a crime listed in subsection (2) would be prohibited from paying the person wages. Instead, the district would be required to hold the person's wages in escrow until the superintendent of public instruction made a final determination of whether or not to suspend or revoke the person's teaching certificate or state board approval.

• The House concurred with the House changes to HB 4928 [RC 406: 38 yes, 0 no].

<u>HB 4930</u> would require a person who was employed in any capacity by a school district, intermediate school district, public school academy, or nonpublic school, or who applied for a position or who regularly worked under a contract in a school district, to report to the Department of Education and the school district in the event of being charged with a (sex) crime. A person who violated this section of the law would be guilty of a crime, as follows: a) if the person violated either of the requirements listed above, and the violation was a listed offense, then the person would be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than two years, or a fine of not more than \$2,000, or both; b) if the person violated either of the requirements listed above, and the violation was a crime other than a listed offense, then the person would be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year, or a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both.

• The House concurred with the House changes to HB 4930 [RC 407: 38 yes, 0 no].

FINAL PASSAGE

SB 719 (Allen)

SB 719 would provide the Public Service Commission with the authority to assess fees on wastewater treatment plants that would be eligible to be regulated under Senate Bill 419 (which would give the Public Service Commission jurisdiction over private wastewater treatment facilities). The amount of revenue that would be generated from the fees would depend on the number of treatment facilities that chose to participate in this program. These fees would cover the staffing and administrative costs associated with this regulation.

- SB 719 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments. (9/13)
- SB 719 passed [RC 408: 38 yes, 0 no]. (9/14)

THIRD READING

SB 502 (Birkholz) HB 4996 (Vander Veen)

<u>SB 502</u> would remove an exemption for dental hygienists from a requirement that health professionals complete training in pain and symptom management for license renewal.

• SB 502 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

<u>HB 4996</u> would allow schools and nursing homes to qualify as dentally underserved populations in order to receive dental services from a dental hygienist without a dentist on site at the time of service. Dental hygienists would still be under the supervision of a dentist, but the dentist would not have to be physically present at the time the services are being provided.

• HB 4996 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 4484 (Wenke)

HB 4484 would specify that the provisions added to the Mobile Home Commission Act (by Public Act 44 of 2003) would apply to all mortgages entered into before July 14, 2003 and all mortgages entered into on or after July 14, 2003.

[Public Act 44 (2003) provided for the cancellation of certificates of title to mobile homes affixed to real property, and allow the homes to be conveyed only as part of the real property. The act said, "It is the intent of this legislature that a security interest or lien on a mobile home affixed to real property may be perfected in the manner provided under law for perfecting a lien on real property, and not exclusively by a notation of the security interest or lien on the certificate of title."]

• HB 4484 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.